



**Worship Illustration: Storybook
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 43**

Solomon and the Queen of Sheba

1 Kings 10:1-10

Scripture Guy straightened the King City Herald and read the article: "The King City Science Club is meeting today to announce a plan to build up King City. The president of the club Professor Glockenspiel said, 'We want King City to be the wisest, godliest city in the world!'" He lowered the paper and said to himself, "I'm so proud of King City. God chose a city with a good heart and He is building her up."

"Scripture Guy! Scripture Guy! Quick, quick, turn on the news!" Kingdom Crusader ran into the secret lab and plopped down in a chair in front of the TV. Scripture Guy reached across the metal desk and turned on the television. The picture showed Professor Glockenspiel.

"Ladies and gentlemen, citizens of King City," Professor Glockenspiel's voice crackled through the speakers. "We, the distinguished members of the Science Club, are proud to introduce our plan to raise the wisdom level of every person in King City. Allow us to present the Wisdom Cube!" He held up a large, shiny, silver, metal cube.

Suddenly, the Obliterator appeared on the screen and froze the professor with his freeze ray gun. Obliterator cackled an evil laugh and snatched the cube from the professor's stiff hand. "Thank you, Professor Glockenspiel. I will take that," he howled with triumph.

"Oh no!" Kingdom Crusader gasped.

Scripture Guy stared at the screen in shock. "It's the Obliterator!"

The Obliterator turned the cube over in his hand. One of the Professor's scientists appeared on the screen. "Don't touch that button!" he yelled, frantically.

The Obliterator rested his finger on a large red button on the bottom of the cube. "Do you mean...this button? You mean this one that says 'Reverse Wisdom button?'"

Another scientist raced forward yelling, "Especially not that one!"

Obliterator grinned and punched the button. "Too late." His evil laugh echoed, as a purple ray of light flashed and zapped the scientists. "Let's see how wise you are now, science guys!" he taunted. The scientists fell to the floor, rolling and cooing like babies.

Kingdom Crusader pointed at the screen and turned to Scripture Guy; a look of horror fixed on her face. "Oh no! He's turned them into babies!"

"You'll never get away with this, Obliterator!" Scripture Guy yelled at the screen.

Obliterator stood up and carefully balanced the cube in his hand. He moved close to the camera so his face looked huge. "And now, I will use this Reverse Wisdom Cube to turn everyone in King City into slobbering numbskulls!" His laugh howled and echoed for a moment. Then, he waved goodbye to the camera. "Ta-ta, King City!"

The screen went black and Kingdom Crusader jumped to her feet. "No! The Redeem Team has got to stop him! Let's go!"

Instead, Scripture Guy sat back down in his chair. "Wait! We need a plan. We have to fight wisdom with wisdom!"

Kingdom Crusader was about to argue; then, realizing her partner made a wise choice, she asked, "Should I get the Good News?"

Scripture Guy smiled approvingly. "Very wise choice, Crusader!"

Kingdom Crusader picked up the Bible. After a moment, she gave it to Scripture Guy and shrugged. "Here, I don't know where to turn."

Scripture Guy knew exactly where to look. "King Solomon was known for his wisdom," he said. He took the Bible and opened it to 1 Kings 10:1-10. "Let's look for the Queen of Sheba's visit to King Solomon."

"Who was the Queen of Sheba?" Kingdom Crusader asked.

"She was the ruler of a far away land who had heard about King Solomon's wisdom," Scripture Guy explained. "She came with her entire caravan to ask King Solomon some very hard questions."

"People in other countries knew about King Solomon's wisdom?" Kingdom Crusader asked.

"Oh yes, God had given him so much wisdom that he had become a legend known far and wide," he replied.

"Did the Queen get all of her questions answered?" she wondered.

"All of them and more! The Bible says she was overwhelmed with all she saw and heard. It made her want to praise our God." Scripture Guy smiled.

"Wait a minute," Kingdom Crusader protested. "Do you mean, she had never served God before, but seeing King Solomon's wisdom made her praise God?"

"Yes, listen to what she said." Scripture Guy read, "Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, He has made you king, to maintain justice and righteousness."

"Wow, seeing God's gift of wisdom made her want to worship God!"

"Not only that," Scripture Guy continued, "but she also gave King Solomon a large amount of gold, precious stones, and lumber to use in making Jerusalem an even more beautiful city."

"So ... wisdom helped build God's city," Kingdom Crusader pondered. "Maybe wisdom can help us stop the Obliterator and build up King City."

"Yes, we have to find the wisest person we know," Scripture Guy agreed. "What about Professor Glockenspiel?"

Kingdom Crusader shook her head. "The Obliterator turned him into a four-year-old."

"You're right," Scripture Guy replied. "Who else do we know that is very wise?"

"Back in Godly Acres, Uncle Phil was known for his wise advice; he was the wisest guy in town," Kingdom Crusader offered.

Scripture Guy's eyebrows went up. "Uncle Phil? You mean, the Philistine? I thought he was Kasey Carter's uncle."

Kingdom Crusader turned away to hide her flushed face; she had almost given away her secret again! "He is! What I meant was Kasey told me that, before he became a bad guy, the whole town praised God for his wisdom."

Scripture Guy shook his head. "I just never thought the day would come when we'd have to turn to the Philistine for advice."

"We have to make the wisest choice for King City," Kingdom Crusader reminded him.

"I know you're right," Scripture Guy agreed. "Where can we find Uncle Phil, I mean, the Philistine?"

"No problem. Kasey gave me his address just the other day."

"Excellent! You lead the way." Scripture Guy motioned toward the door and followed his crime-fighting partner to meet with the Philistine.